

REMARKS

THE CLAIMS

Claims 6-9 and 20-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 and 10-19 are withdrawn.

THE SPECIES ELECTION

The Examiner states that elected group IV which includes claims 20 and 21 is directed to patentably distinct species of TGF- β family proteins. The Examiner further states that applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants elect the species OP-1.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request consideration of the application and early allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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